Inclusion of Medical Practitioners under Consumer Protection Act

1751. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: SHRI ASHOK MITRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied in depth the implications of the recent Supreme Court judgement bringing medical practitioners under the purview of the Consumer Protection Act;

(b) whether the matter has been further discussed with the Medical Council of India; and

(c) the measures proposed to be undertaken to ensure compliance with the Supreme Court Judgement?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The order is binding on doctors hospitals rendering services for consideration.

The implication of this order on Government hospitals charging fully or partially is being examine.

Violation of MRTP Act by Companies

1752. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of companies which have been booked for violation of MRTP Act. 1969 during the last two years;

(b) the details of their violations yearwise; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The number of enquiries instituted by the MRTP Commission for alleged violation of MRTP Act, 1969 against companies during the last two years is given below:

Year	Category of Enquiry			Compensation applications
	Restrictive Trade Practices Enquiries	Unfair Trade Practices Enquiries	Monopolistic Trade Practices Enquiries	
1993	58	34	5 146	359
1994	138	1		321

The names of the companies against whom the enquiries were instituted for indulging in Restrictive, Unfair and Monopolistic Trade Practices are given in the enclosed Statement. *[See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 45]

(c) The MRTP Commission being a quasi-judicial body, the matters are subjudice before the Commission and they are - empowered to take further necessary action under the provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969.

टेलीफोन पर हिंदी भाषा में पूछताछ सेवा का अभाव

1753. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह**: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या नई दिल्ली रेलवे स्टेशन पर टेलीफोन नंबर 3717171 /3346661 पर पूछताछ सेवा की नवीनतम सुविधा हिंदी भाषा में उपलब्ध नहीं हैं;

(ख) यदि हां,तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;और

(ग) हिंदी भाषा में यह नई सुविधा कब से उपलब्ध कराई जाएगी ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश कलमाडी): (क) से (ग) 6.7.1995 से पी एण्ड टी फोन सं. 1335 पर यात्रियों की पूछताछ का हिन्दी में स्वचालित तौर पर उत्तर देने के लिए इंटर एक्टिव वापस रिसपोन्स सिस्टम उपलब्ध कराया गया हैं।

Increase in number of Judges in the High Court

1754. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state that the action Government have so far taken on the recommendations made at the meeting of the Chief Ministers and Chief Justice held in New Delhi two years back with regard to increasing the number of Judges in the High Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS: (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): The present sanctioned strength of various High Courts is 539 permanent/Additional Judges. It has been decided to create 67 new posts of permanent-Additional Judges, which includes 31 new posts agreed after the recommendations of the Chief Ministers and the Chief Justices in their meeting held in New Delhi in December, 1993.

Direct Train from Delhi to Kotdawara

1755. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MA.LTI SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1564 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th August, 1995 and state the operational and resource constrainsts in introducing a direct train from Delhi to Kotdawara?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): The main operational constraints are lack of spare terminal/maintenance facilities both at Kotdwara and in Delhi area, line capacity on Ghaziabad-Gajraula-Moradabad single line section in addition to resource constraints for acquiring additional coaches and locomotives.

Delhi Rent Bill

1756. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEEN A VERM A:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major objection raised and modifications in the Bill suggested by all party representatives; and

(b) by what time appropriate amending legislation is likely to be placed before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPTT. OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI R.K. DHAWAN): (a) The all Party Committee had inter-alia suggested modifications with regard to the eviction provisions, inheritability provisions and deemed rent applications particulary with regard to non-residential tenancies.

(b) The Government will propose appropriate amendments wherever considered necessary on examination of . these and other represention. It is not possible to indicate a definite time frame.